THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir. A number of tourism-related publications are being brought out in India.

(b) The Government carries out promotion of tourism abroad through its offices located in a number of countries. These magazines are given advertisements from time to time.

Foreign Airlines under cutting fares

5954. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DGCA is authorised to take action against foreign airlines under cutting their fares on various sectors originating/terminating from/to India;

(b) whether Government has received any complaint against KLM for undercutting fares and if so, what are the details in this regard and action taken against KLM so far; and

(c) whether Government have recently granted additional landing rights in India to KLM inspite of this airlines refusal to fulfil its promise to spend an agreed sum of money on promotion of tourism to India, and if so whether Government will consider cancelling additional landings rights given to KLM till it makes good its promise and if not the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Additional traffic rights to KLM were last granted in the bilateral talks held in January, 1992. There was no proposal at that time for any contribution by the Dutch side for development of tourism to India. The commercial arrangements agreed upon during the January, 1992 talks are being honoured by KLM.

Private airlines to link new tourist spots

5955. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Giving Wings to Tourism" in April, 1995 issue of Top Tourism Bulletin about effrts being made by Archana Airways and other private airlines to link new tourist spots by air; and

(b) if so, what are the steps already taken by Government or being taken to augment the efforts of these airlines (ATOS) or opening new areas to tourism?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proopsals submitted by private operators for fleet expansion and new services are considered by Government on a case to case basis and decided on merits keeping in view the demands of traffic and the infrastructure available at the airports. Services to new destinations are given priority of consideration.

Trivandrum International Airport

5956. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the National Airports has been raised to the standard of International with ragerd to facilities provided;

(b) if so, which are these airports already raised to such level;

(c) which are those airports which will be raised to that level in the coming days;

(d) how much has been spent in the past to provide international standard at these airports details thereof in each case and also, how much will be spent in the coming days on each one of them to uplift their standard;

(e) since Trivandrum was declared International Airport how much has been spent;

(f) what are the works going on presently at Trivandrum International Airport, and when will each of these work be over;

(g) what is present length of runway, how many are there, whether there is any proopsal to strengthen and extend the present runways; and

(h) what steps are being taken to increase the flight operation at Trivandrum International Airport in the coming days?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Airports Authority of India is developing airports at Bangalore, Bhubaneshwar, Calicut, Goa, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Imphal, Indore, Jaipur; Lucknow; Nagpur; Patna and Vadodara with provisions for customs and immigration facilities for limited international operations as and when required.

Ahmedabad and Coimbatore airports have already been developed to this standard.

(d) Statement giving the estimated cost and expenditure incurred upto 31-3-95 on each airport, is annexed (*See* below).

(e) An amount of about Rs. 82 crores has been spent on Trivandrum airport since its declaration as International Airport.

(f) The following works have been undertaken at Trivandrum airport:—

—State-of-the-Art Primary and Secondary Radars have been recently installed.

—Extension of International Terminal Building. Its Scheduled date of competion is March, 1997.

—Construction of CCR Hall including Sub-station and its scheduled date of completion is June, 1996.

—Doppler Very High Frequency Omni Range and Instrument Landing System are being installed. Target date of completion is August, 1995 and February, 1996 respectively.

(g) There is only one runway measuring 3048 mtrs. at Trivandrum airport. While the runway has already been resurfaced and strengthened, AAI has plans to extend runway by 350 mtrs.

(h) Gulf Air, Oman Air and Air Lanka are already operating international flights from Trivandum airport apart from Air India. Subject to the demand for international traffic and adequate quid-pro-quo to our national carriers, increasing operations from Trivandrum will be reviewed from time to time.

Statement

Estimated cost and the expenditure incurred upto 31st March, 1955.

	Est. cost.	Expenditure incurred upto 31-3-95.
Vadodra	1996.00	1238.77
Bhubaneshwar	2621.21	727.37
Calicut	8429.36	439.18
Hyderabad	5635.54	3678.06
Indore	2284.99	544.00
Jaipur	1196.54	684.07
Lucknow	1768.34	1099.27
Nagpur	2200.27	1001,04
Patna	1231.00	647.28
Guwahati	4871.03	3258.95
Imphal	1638.48	308.10
Bangalore	2381.00	421.87
Goa (Dabolim)	3563,40	560.91